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**Safe chemical practices are important for pools and spas.** Aquatic facilities often use and store many types of chemicals onsite. None can be more problematic than the chemicals that are used for pool and spa sanitation. Along with proper training of staff, [handling and storage practices](#) are keys to preventing accidents and injuries. More information is also available from the [American Chemistry Council](#).

**Injuries from soccer goals hospitalize 120 people annually.** According to the Soccer Industry Council of America, over 16 million persons in the US play soccer at least once a year and there are approximately 500,000 soccer goals in use. Many of these soccer goals are unsafe because they are unstable and are either unanchored or not properly anchored or counter-balanced. These movable soccer goals pose a risk of tipping over to children who climb on goals (or nets) or hang from crossbars. [Soccer goals should be securely anchored](#) to fields or stored in a manner to prevent tipping and accidently injury. Programs may consider [Goal Alert](#) to help prevent soccer goal injuries. The majority of accidents do not occur during soccer matches. Most occur when the goals are unattended. Therefore, it is imperative that all goals be stored properly when not being used.

**Changing culture can prevent Bullying.** Two children in every classroom in America are estimated to miss at least one day of school each month because they feel unsafe. Local governments realize we cannot afford to dismiss youth violence as simply "kids being kids." We must move beyond simply having the systems in place to react to bullying. We must instill in our youth the ideals of civility and respect, and we must create environments that prevent bullying everywhere our children live, learn and play. Putting prevention back in bullying prevention is the goal of the Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights' (RFK) newly launched [Project SEATBELT](#) - Safe Environments Achieved Through Bullying prevention, Engagement, Leadership and Teaching respect. The initiative provides resources for parents, educators and community members to create supportive environments through a human rights framework that instills responsibility, respect and resiliency to prevent bullying. Read more from Kerry Kennedy, president of RFK [HERE](#).

**Staying safe during hurricane season takes planning.** As seasonal storms continue to bring adverse weather conditions the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has educational materials for those in affected parts of the country. Visit OSHA's Safety and Health Topics pages to learn about [Flood](#) and [Hurricane](#) Preparedness and Response. More information about emergency planning and preparation is available in the [Online Resource Library](#).

**Protecting your eyes is important.** Workplace eye wellness adds up to more than just grabbing a pair of safety glasses. From adjusting office lighting to maintaining protective equipment to properly flushing eyes after encountering a hazard, safety professionals and workers should take a comprehensive approach to eye wellness. After all, when it comes to protecting our vision, the stakes are high. Read more [HERE](#).

**Take ladder safety one rung at a time.** Refreshing safety practices can help prevent accidents as staff prepares facilities for seasonal changes and eventually winter. Before making a climb it's essential to know and follow safe work practices in selecting, inspecting, and setting up a ladder. *Ladder Safety Tips* is available in the [Online Resource Library](#).

**There is still time to join in on the Risk SUMMIT.** The *2013 Risk SUMMIT* will convene from August 25-27, 2013 in Boston, MA. What are you waiting for? The average conference attendee walks away with 5 to 20 solid contacts. Make new connections. Join top nonprofit sector leaders and register for the [2013 Risk SUMMIT](#). Attendees will enjoy a provocative keynote featuring former Massachusetts Attorney General, Scott Harshbarger. Other informative risk management workshops include: "Top 10 Risk Lessons from Tech Disasters," "Effective Crisis Communications," "ERM Governance and Oversight," and "CFO & Risk Manager Superheroes". View the entire [2013 Risk SUMMIT](#) program [HERE](#).

**This Month's Topics:**

*Chemical Handling*

*Soccer Goal Safety*

*Bullying Prevention*

*Hurricane Preparations*

*Eye Injury Prevention*

*Ladder Safety*

*Risk Management Summit*